

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1, 4-6 and 23-25 will be pending in this application upon entry of the present amendment. Claim 1 has been amended to align its scope with recently allowed composition claims in parent application no. 09/966,893 by reciting a recognized property of the protein produced by the claimed method: selective importation by macrophages. Claims 2-3 and 7-22 have been canceled. Claims 23-25 have been added. Claim 23 reflects the content of Table 1 of the specification and original claims 2 and 3. Claims 24 and 25 have been added and are drawn to a specific lysosomal storage disorder and associated protein from the markush group listed in claims 23.

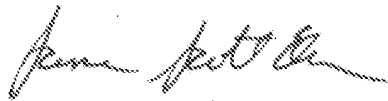
II. Telephonic Interview

Applicants thank Examiner Fronda for the courteous and helpful telephonic interview held on Tuesday, January 23 to discuss this application and the corresponding parent application. During the interview Examiner Fronda indicated that the pending claims, along with withdrawn claims 21 and 22, would be allowable if the claims were amended such that the protein produced by the claimed method was commensurate in scope with the allowed composition claims in parent application no. 09/966,893. In a subsequent telephonic interview held on March 12 Examiner Fronda indicated that Applicant's amendment submitted January 29 would not put the claims in condition for allowance, but provided helpful guidance regarding the format of added dependent claims that would be allowable. In this interview Examiner Fronda indicated that the added claims should show the association between the recited lysosomal storage disorder and the protein useful for treating it. Applicants have followed this guidance in the present amendment.

III. Conclusion

Having amended the claims as requested, it is believed that the Examiner may properly withdraw all outstanding rejections and objections and allow pending claims 1, 4-6 and 23-25. No fee is believed to be required for consideration of this submission. If applicants are incorrect and a fee is required the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 501968.

Respectfully submitted,



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